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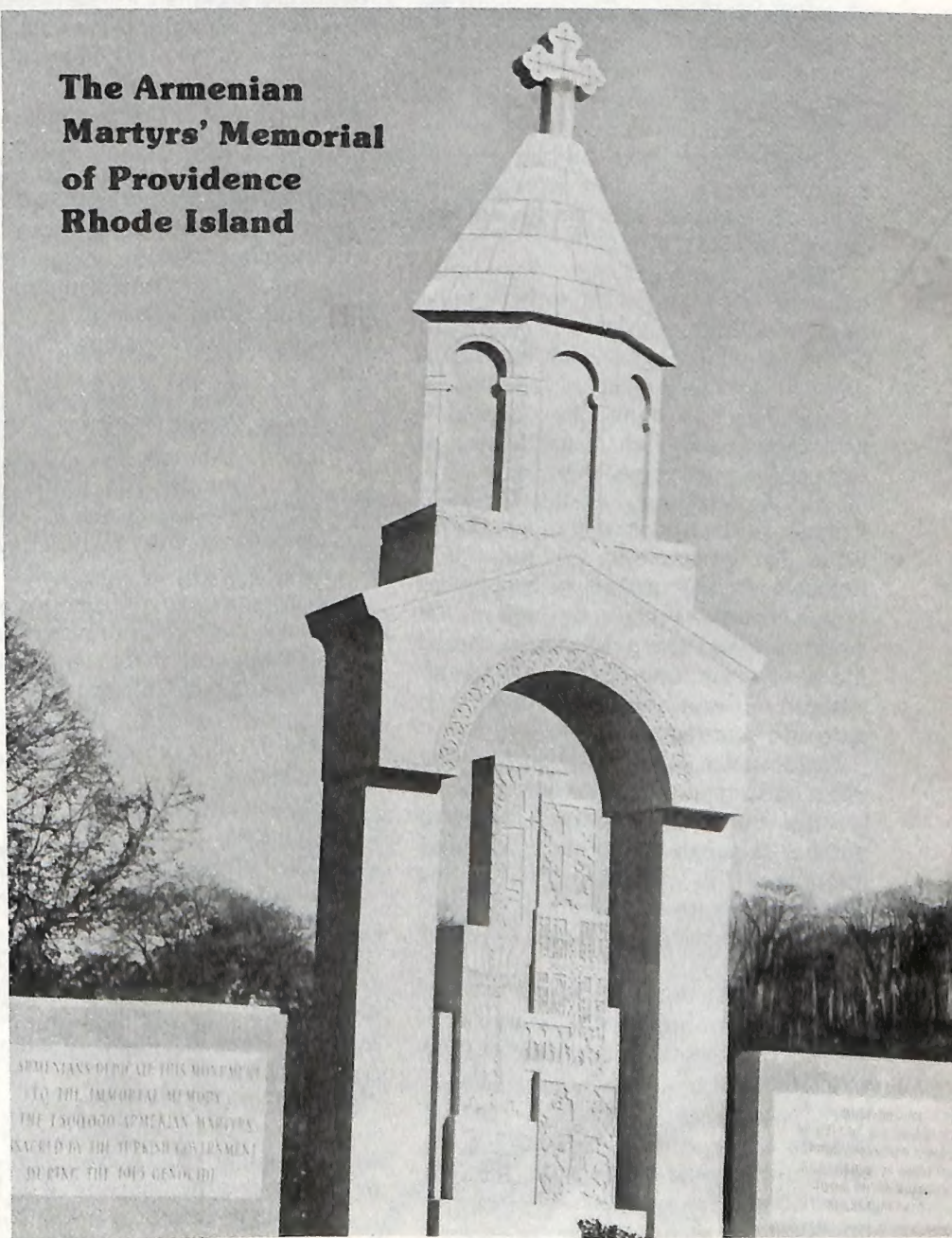
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## The Providence Monument To Armenian Martyrs

This monument, the fulfillment of the dreams of three church congregations and their three pastors as well as those of the late Reverend Arsen A. Goergizian, was the culmination of over six years of work — from the first call to the task in June, 1971 to the dedication of the monument in Providence's historic North Burial Ground on April 24, 1977.

The honorary clergy membership on the Committee were Fathers Haik Donikian and Mesrob Tashjian and the Reverends Leon Tavitian and the late Arsen A. Goergizian, and the full Committee included Marshall Basmajian, Martin Bolodian, Haig Chopoorian, Richard Johnson, Zenas J. Kevorkian, Adre S. Martiesian, Ara A. Shiragian, Peter B. Tikoian, Melkon K. Varadian, Robert H. Yeramian and Ramon Zorabedian.

## The Armenian Martyrs' Memorial of Providence Rhode Island



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## THE EVER-ECHOING APRIL

— George Philibosian



George Philibosian

To stretch the thought further, it is that increased sense of devotion to the noble notion and pursuit of helping our fellowmen that was instilled in us perhaps by the hardship of our people and the 1915 sacrifices of our martyrs that constitutes the best tribute we can offer to their memories.

Even though it was acknowledged before on several occasions, I do not mind repeating that the AMAA is active today pursuing a long standing tradition, in the following spheres of need: Supports churches and missions; clinics; lunch programs; thirty schools with a student body of about 9,000 where students are accepted without discrimination. The proportion of students is about 79% Apostolic, 19% Protestant, 2% other; retired ministers, ministers' widows and retired teachers; young people's work; Daily Vacation Bible School projects; Istanbul Boys' and Girls' Youth Homes; evangelical missions; distribution of Bibles; training of ministers and religious workers; Home Missions Program of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America; conferences, retreats, children's camps. The AMAA also:

1. Administers an effective CHILD EDUCATION PROGRAM. Close to 2,500 children receive tuition scholarships annually at individual rates of \$75 for elementary and \$100 for high school fees. Over 15,000 have been helped so far, the sponsors' contributions going to the various schools where these children receive an adequate education that emphasizes the structuring of Christian persons.
2. Provides funds for the construction and repairs of school and church buildings.
3. Provides equipment for schools and churches.
4. Assists publications like *Chanasser*, *Loos*, *Badanegan Artzakank*, *Panpere*.
5. Contributes towards the production of booklets and pamphlets produced in Armenian, English and Turkish; also publishes books of evangelistic importance.
6. Operates the Haigazian College, Beirut, Lebanon — an Institution of higher learning providing undergraduate degrees and the only one of its kind in the world outside of Soviet Armenia.

7. Grants scholarships and loans to students in colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad, at continuously increasing levels.
8. Accepts endowment funds with designated purposes and administers them by pooling them into an income-producing portfolio, the average income from which is distributed to the stated purposes.

This most enviable record is being made possible only because of the sense of charity, the spirit of loving concern that was always deeply rooted in our people as a result of Christ's own plan of service: "He has sent me to announce good news to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind; to let the broken victims go free." Luke 4:18.

Our membership and friends have enabled us to achieve some marvelous results, indeed, by their contributions and assistance. They have fully understood that a life which was made beautiful and exciting by our Creator could become even more enjoyable and rewarding when our efforts to help is added to our readiness of giving of ourselves and our material blessings.

Thus they, the constituency at large of our people, have used unselfishly their affluence and material blessings to make the AMAA, and other such organizations, faithful conduits in spreading sunshine and hope amongst so many that needed them so badly since 1915.

In closing words for this April issue of our publication, let us thank then our Creator that while the sufferings and sacrifices inflicted upon our martyrs, which will always be deplored by us, do still demand a confession of guilt from the Turk, as well as some more tangible deeds of restoring justice on a national level, that those heroic sacrifices have aroused and re-enforced in us the duty of trying both individually and through organizations such as AMAA, to make ours a better, more compassionate and humane world. And what better chance that universal humane conduct will reign than in the efforts of the AMAA to also strengthen the spiritual condition of our people through propagating the Gospel.

It is our duty therefore on this month of April 1981, as it will be during Aprils to follow, that in remembering our "un-

forgettable" martyrs, to be ready to bounce back with renewed awareness and refreshed commitment and vigor to exert those ideals which not only ennoble our character but help us to advance the betterment of the fate of our people, of those less fortunate in particular, in all areas of their lives.

May the Good Lord forever guide us on this road to eternal and most rewarding sense of fulfillment.

## A HARVEST OF EASTER FRUITS

— G. H. Chopourian

I remember having kept some pumpkin seeds for three years and wondered whether they would germinate if I planted them in my backyard garden. To my surprise, they did! But, my surprise was

immensely greater when I read in the news a few years ago that archeologists had found some grains of wheat in one of the tombs under the pyramids of Egypt. The three thousand years old grains were planted and, miracle of miracles, they germinated!

Nature keeps itself alive by constantly dying. A seed of corn, a grain of wheat, the small mustard seed, the little acorn of the grand oak tree need to die if they must perpetuate themselves. Trees, bushes, perennial plants need to go to sleep in winter to rise up again in the spring. And what a glorious resurrection they have! They come forth in colorful grandeur, glory and beauty. Plant a seed, then watch for five to ten days. Slowly the earth over the seed loosens up, then is cracked open. One discovers that gradually the seed itself vanishes. I have deliberately pulled out a dying seed and discovered nothing of the ori-

ginal seed left except an unrecognizable shell, the seed having been replaced by a shoot. The shoot then grows into a plant and then to ears of corn, each one with hundreds of seeds of corn.

The mystery of nature is unbelievably miraculous. Plant a seed and you get a harvest. There is nothing capricious. The harvest is related to the seed. The harvest is true to the seed — same fruit. Christ himself had observed this mystery and put it in this way, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24.

Jesus related this observation and experience to human existence. He must have thought for a while whether He had failed in the task that God had given him. Then, perhaps seeing the revival of life in the fields, He sensed that what he had planted would ger-

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## The Inspirational Corner

### EASTER: A MESSAGE OF HOPE TO TROUBLED HEARTS

By Ruth Philibosian

Easter has always been more meaningful to me because it gave its first ray of hope to a life which had been fearfully blasted. The Bible says Mary Magdalene was the first to recognize Jesus on that glorious morning. As if, beside its blessing for all of us, it held a special message for those who had known the worst hells.

She had been a brazen creature, flaunting her lovely body in the dark places of life. Until suddenly the thought of the young Christ took possession of her — His gentleness, His strength and the beauty of His service. Like some lost, forgotten world, she left everything behind to follow Him — left her wild, shameless pleasures, her jewelry, rare perfume and bright raiment.

How strange she must have seemed among His simple followers, and how fearfully lonely she must have been. Those others had so much to sweeten life — moral and spiritual honor and clean happiness. She had only Him, her clutching faith in Him, bringing into her contrite heart the feeling of being forgiven.

He had told His followers that the parting hour had come, but that He

would come back. The first day of the week, after the crucifixion, Mary went to the sepulcher, and stood weeping "Because they have taken away my Lord." She turned and saw someone but did not recognize Him until He called her name. It was indeed her Lord, the risen Christ.

It was blessed beyond telling to have Christ come back, but it is particularly touching that He chose to give His first message of joy and hope to one who was shamed and soiled. It was as if He said:

"Do not kneel there, staring into the empty tomb. This is the end of tombs for all men, but in a very special and comforting sense, it is the end of something worse than a tomb for you. Others need put only death behind them, but you must also put away shame and remorse and bitter self-contempt. But you are not alone in that struggle. I, too, know what it is to be spit upon and defiled.

"Now it is Easter; the fields, the woods, the gardens are waking and bursting with new life, and you must wake too. Begin a new day and a new life. Because I live, ye shall live also."

I am glad Jesus said that to Mary in that radiant moment of recognition, on that beautiful shining day. I am glad He always says it — every Easter — every dawning — to every broken and troubled heart.

### ME? RISE AGAIN?

Who? Me? Rise again?

This lamentable person

this dissembler  
this promise-breaker  
this night-weeping self-seeker  
this wall-beating avenger  
this schemer of shortcuts  
to undeserved gains  
this fraudulent lover  
this side-stepper of injustice  
this fun-seeker amid the  
cries of the hungry and lonely  
this back-door escape artist  
from Your "Follow me"  
this spendthrift You loved  
and called and went alone  
to the cross for. . .

Who? Me? Rise again?

If so, not that old lamentable person, Lord — but a new one — like Yourself, like the self I never quite became here, with all my efforts and Yours.

Bury the old me, Jesus  
Raise the new me, O Christ.

You can do it  
You can kill this death  
that is killing me  
You can bring me to life again  
You can bring me to life  
You can Alleluia!

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## OUR RESPECTED AND LOVED EDWARD (TED) M. K. MURRAY AND VBS, INC.



Ted Murray

On June 18, 1971 I visited the Secretary of the World Association of DVBS, Inc., Miss Harriet Williams, at which time I was shown an album which depicted in pictures the fine work in foreign mission fields the World Association was doing. The album-record book was dedicated to the memory and the vision of the **Rev. Dr. Robert G. Boville**, Founder and Director of the World Association and its First International President. Beginning in 1901 on New York's Eastside, with seminary students as "field workers," the work grew to range far and wide across the world, covering 35 countries and spanning today a period of 80 years. Dr. Boville's motto, "Christ in the Heart of Every Child," found expression in the lives of children in Hiroshima, famine-stricken China in the early 30's, in Burma, India and so forth. It is, thus, an **Eightieth (80th) Anniversary** well-worth celebrating.

Dr. Boville was stimulated to found the Daily Vacation Bible School movement as a result of his observation that there were "idle children, idle students and idle churches." As a worker in the Baptist City Mission, he saw a means of creating a new source of evangelical Christian training during summer vacations for youngsters who had few benefits of Christian upbringing in their homes.

The idea was so right for its time that the movement soon spread to other denominations and to other cities. Within

twenty years, there were more than 10,000 Daily Vacation Bible Schools throughout the U.S. with an enrollment of about one million children taught by some 50,000 volunteer teachers drawn from churches, colleges and the laity.

Dr. Boville eventually took his idea to China, where over 30,000 Chinese Christian student volunteers were soon working with nearly half a million children in thousands of DVBS's. From China the work spread rapidly to India and Egypt, Palestine and Syria as well as to Japan and Korea, Europe and Latin America—sponsored by mission groups of many denominations and by Christian colleges.

By 1921, Dr. Boville saw the need to form a World Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools to provide expertise and financial support for the training of DVBS leaders and teachers and the preparation of appropriate Christian education materials.

About this time, a young minister working with the Young Men's Christian Association—who had taught Vacation Bible Schools since his student days—joined Dr. Boville as Executive Secretary of the fledgling Association. The Rev. John A. Murray, Jr. continued in this work until his death in 1973 at the age of 86. During his tenure, the \$14,000 which Dr. Boville had contributed as "seed money" grew to nearly \$1 million through careful investment. The income today is used to help support DVBS work in 19 countries throughout the world. Armenian Evangelical DVBS work in Iran, Greece and Lebanon have also been beneficiaries of the largesse of the World Association.

It was on April 9, 1969 that I first heard from the Rev. John A. Murray, Jr., then Executive Vice-President, and with whom I exchanged much correspondence until his death in May, 1973. His nephew, Mr. Edward M.K. Murray, informed me of the sad event on June 30, 1973. He indicated that to increase the capacity of the Association for greater Christian work certain changes in structure were being contemplated.

By G. H. Chopourian

Soon after Rev. Murray's death, the directors of the Association weighed the merits of dissolving the organization and distributing its capital among various church mission groups. However, it was decided that the dreams to which Dr. Boville and Mr. Murray had devoted their lives could best be served by continuing to control the funds while giving groups like the AMAA more responsibility for their distribution and supervision of their use. The Association has increased its assignment to the AMAA from about \$200 in the early 60's to about \$4000 today. This and other increments for other areas in the world were made possible because in 1974 the Association and its sister financial arm, the World Foundation of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Inc., were merged into a streamlined organization, Vacation Bible Schools, Inc. and Rev. Murray's nephew, Edward M. K. Murray, was elected President.

Since his appointment as President of V.B.S., Inc. I have had a most cordial relationship with Edward (Ted) since 1973 through correspondence, lunch meetings and with family visits to his home in Quogue where he lives with his charming and beautiful wife Muriel. Ted, a graduate of Williams College where the American Mission concept was conceived in the early 80's by young men caught in a haystack during a rain storm, is a distinguished gentleman whose philosophical training breeds confidence and respect.

VBS, Inc. is one of the rare philanthropic organizations that has no paid staff. Mr. Murray and the four Directors—all officers of various church organizations—devote many hundreds of hours maintaining contact with missions throughout the world and with organizational leaders similar to our AMAA as well as supervising the investment portfolio.

There is no way of computing the number of young lives touched by the activities which Vacation Bible Schools, Inc. helps to support. Down through the

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## AMERICAN FRIENDS HENRY (HARRY) S. WINGATE, SON OF MISSIONARY TO TALAAS



Harry S. Wingate, son of American Missionary to Talaas.

By G. H. C.

In responding to a telephone call to provide information about the financial administration of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), I found myself the lunch guest of Mr. Henry (called Harry to distinguish his name from that of his father) S. Wingate, son of the late missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (now UCBWM) to Talaas. He was born in Talaas himself and attended the school that his father eventually built—a four story building that was also used as the resident of the missionary and his family.

Mr. Wingate asked me in Turkish if I knew that language; satisfied that I did and after a few more exchanges in Turkish, we visited a few of the departments of International Nickel of which Mr. Wingate had been Board Chairman and now holds courtesy offices as a retired officer. We then walked to his club, the RECESS, for lunch. Communication was quick and easy. Mrs. Chopourian's late mother had taught in the Talaas Mission School! Might it be possible that she knew "Harry"! That will have to be left to more detailed research!

Harry's mother, Jane Caroline Smith,

met Henry Knowles Wingate while horseback riding in Marsovan when she was 24 (1889). She was head of the Girls School at Anatolia College located in Marsovan, which her father, John Frances Smith had helped found many years earlier. Jane had been recognized as a leading authority on Ancient Armenian and could speak and read Armenian, Turkish, French, Greek, Latin, and had a smattering knowledge of Russian and German—eight languages with her English. Henry K. Wingate had graduated from Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota in 1887. Spending one year as teacher and acting substitute pastor following graduation, Henry was led to believe "the ministry offered one of the best opportunities for useful and unselfish work" so chose to spend a year at Chicago Theological Seminary and a year at Yale Divinity School. While back at Carleton College, he was advised by the President "that a young Armenian, Professor Sivaslian, was coming to Carleton to further his studies and that Anatolia College was looking for a replacement." It was as a result of accepting the challenge that he met and became engaged to Jane, returned to

Hartford Seminary to finish his theological training in 1893 and married Jane that same summer in Madison.

ABCFM offered a challenge: "Go to Caesarea and found a boy's school in the suburban village called Talaas."

He did pick up the challenge, built a four story modern building with a wing for a home for his family in which six children were born, (two died in infancy, but four, John, Dorothy, Harry and Arthur grew up, like their father graduated from Carleton College, married and raised their own fine families).

The Wingates had painful experiences with the Turkish atrocities against the Armenians. In 1895, they witnessed the first Armenian massacre which was "a comparatively mild forerunner of what was to follow," records Henry's son Arthur. "The Turks resented the Armenians encroaching on their soil and accumulating fortunes that the Turks themselves seemed unable to do. . . . Thousands were either executed or deported on foot to Syria or Persia."

In a commemorative booklet prepared by Arthur H. Wingate entitled, "Lest We Forget," the author cites instance after instance when his father had to battle himself with the Turkish gendarmes, soldiers and authorities. On one occasion, for instance, while trying to collect taxes, 500 soldiers were stationed on a hill overlooking the boy's school. That night Mr. Wingate bought and brought home two Martini Carbines. Providentially, the Governor, Jemal Pasha, whom Henry Wingate had befriended, received a telegram to the effect that Sultan Hamid had been overthrown and the incident ended without any tragedy.

Things remained relatively peaceful until the 1915 persecution and deportation. Arthur reports this important and courageous incident: "Henry and Jane managed to smuggle about thirty affluent Armenians into their home and had hidden them in a cavern under their house which was filled with snow in the winter and used as a giant refrigerator as

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## UPDATE ON AMAA'S LABORS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Our new Field Director, Reverend Moses Janbazian, found his field work in California a worthwhile experience.

### SIX-WEEK ITINERARY ON WEST COAST

Following a previously prepared itinerary, he visited successively the churches in Los Angeles, Fresno and San Francisco from January 8 to February 18, 1981. "I was privileged to preach in all seven churches in North and South California," he reported. Each church had made special AMAA Sunday arrangements to enable him to emphasize missions during the Services. The arrangements also included promotional luncheons or receptions. The six weeks he spent on the West Coast provided him with the opportunity to get acquainted with the work of the churches, the pastors and church leadership and to participate in various Board meetings and meet with the Missionary Committees or AMAA Chapters of the Churches. He also visited with former and prospective supporters of the Association. All these for the purpose of expounding the ministries of the Association to individuals, congregations and groups.

"I was very much impressed and encouraged by the warm welcome with which I was received in all the churches," Reverend Janbazian reported to the Board. "Our pastors were most gracious in extending their help and support and in giving me the opportunity to promote the ministry of the Association. Needless to say, their fine support convinced me more than ever of their deep commitment to the causes of the Association."

### THE ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL OUTREACH

While in Los Angeles, he had the opportunity to observe the three-pronged work of the Armenian Evangelical Outreach and confirms it is doing a worthwhile service. He believes the services rendered and the results achieved more than justify AMAA's substantial budget allocation.

**The Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center** has two Social workers, Marjolaine Sassouni and Mr. Hratch Baliozian, who are doing a wonderful job at the center in Hollywood. An appreciation letter from His

Grace Bishop Mesrob Ashjian demonstrates the services done by AESSC in the area of immigration. He writes to the Director of the Center: "... We like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your courtesies and most effective efforts in solving the immigration problem of Mr. Armen Djavanpour."

**Mrs. Hasmig Collier's** evangelism activities are a real blessing to many children and women of unchurched background.

**The Rev. Abraham Jizmejian** has achieved marvelous results in his pastoral ministry of visiting, preaching and counseling of adult newcomers and immigrants.

The social and spiritual needs of the Armenians in Los Angeles are indeed varied and great. Especially, the spiritual needs of the Hollywood Armenian Community are very urgent. "Hence," concludes our Field Director, "I believe that further efforts should be made to strengthen the Children's and Women's Evangelism program as well as the Pastoral Ministry Projects of the Outreach. Bearing in mind the crying and the very urgent spiritual needs of the area, I urge our churches, chapters, members and friends to pray ardently for and give generously to these vital ministries."

The Reverend Janbazian was delighted to witness closely the fine efforts of the pastors, Board members, individual supporters and specially the Missionary Committees and AMAA Chapters of the West Coast in the pursuit of the purposes of the Association in that region. "However," he stressed, "I believe there are still many possibilities for the further advancement of the AMAA interests in the churches and the communities of the area. The great potential of the region makes the idea of having a West Coast Regional Committee with a full time West Coast worker a valid one."

"I would like to extend my genuine appreciation and sincere thanks to our Pastors, Church Councils, Missions Committees, AMAA Chapters, and to all those who in their own particular ways helped me during my stay in California and contributed to the fulfillment of my Field Work."

"As I continue to visit our churches in the East Coast I need the prayers of our churches, members and friends."

### THE MISSION WORK IN IRAN CONTINUES

The love and power of God are also evidenced in our Mission Field in this country. Even during the volatile days of the revolution our Christian work in Iran continued without interruption. Currently, in spite of the problems and difficulties arising from the on-going Iraqi-Iranian war, our colleagues continue their faithful ministry and serve the varied needs of our people in Tehran and Isfahan.

The Christian Endeavor Society, the Youth Program, and Sunday School work, which Arpine Mahshigian-Aghabegian supervised, continues in her absence in Beirut under the leadership of able and dedicated volunteer young men and women. These programs are becoming a real source of inspiration and edification for many children and youth. The Armenian Evangelical Church of Tehran has a new pastor in the person of the Rev. Tateos Mikaelian, who was ordained and installed as Pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Tehran and as the overall leader of our Christian work in all Iran. Under the able leadership of the Rev. Khachadourian and now of the Rev. Mikaelian the Church is experiencing an unprecedented expansion and spiritual revival. Even the general situation of the country seems to work together for the good and the strengthening of the church.

The situation of the Kohar Mesrobian School is different, however. The Iranian Ministry of Education attempted to control the schools, but has relaxed restrictions lately. The Ministry places a Supervisor to work with the Armenian Principal. Further, boys and girls are segregated. Nevertheless, so far the authorities have not raised any obstruction to the Armenian language and Bible study programs of the school. We praise God that the youth Retreats and the Daily Vacation Bible School Programs in Isfahan and Tehran continue under the leadership of the young trainees of Arpine Aghabegian. While on a trip to Lebanon to make arrangements for the enrollment of her husband as a student at the Near East School of Theology, Arpine was obliged to remain in Beirut since the couple have a joint

passport. Currently, she is serving the Armenian Evangelical College where she teaches Bible courses.

We give great thanks to God for the fact that inspite of hardships, our ministry continues in Iran. So far, the local authorities have raised no obstacles to Christian work in general or to the church's mission work in particular. Nevertheless, Iran remains one of our priority concerns. We ask our friends and members to continue their ardent prayers for this work, for the workers and the Christian brethren there.

### FAITHFUL MINISTRY AMIDST PROBLEMS IN TURKEY

We praise God for his grace which continues to be evidenced in the realization of our missionary endeavors even in those countries which are often referred to as the "volatile regions." Two of these are Turkey and Iran, which are of special concern to the Board of Directors and the office personnel and staff.

We are glad to report that our mission work in Istanbul continues despite unwarranted difficulties and problems caused by the local government officials. One of the leaders of our Istanbul Youth Home program was held in prison, interrogated and beaten by the Turkish Security Officials recently. He was released, however, and he continues his service. Due to the sensitive atmosphere created around the Armenian Institutions in Turkey, our Istanbul Youth Home program was modified to undercut the coercions of the local authorities. The work, however, continues to serve its original purpose and currently around 75 youth benefit from the activities of this vital project.

During the week days, the youth attend schools in the Gedik Pasha neighborhood. After school, special teachers coach and help them in preparation of their lessons and in the evening before they are sent to their homes, they are served a nourishing meal at the "Home" since the families of the children are extremely poor. On weekends the youth receive intensive religious training: They learn Armenian, Bible stories (the basis of our Christian faith) and also evangelical hymns and sharagans. During the summer season the youth spend 3 months at Camp Armen in Toozla



A group with the Honorable Ambassador Set Momjian, from left to right: Mrs. Yeprouhie Chopourian, Dr. G. H. Chopourian, Mrs. Rendel Levonian, Dr. and Mrs. John Markarian, Set Momjian, Dr. Rendel Levonian. Kneeling, Mrs. Vartkes Balian. (Picture courtesy of Mr. V. Balian).

### H. C. Representatives in Washington

On January 5, 1981 representatives of Haigazian College went to Washington D.C. for the purpose of tapping some funds for the College from Government sources. Ambassador Set Momjian had arranged meetings for Monday, January 6.

Dr. Rendel Levonian, Chairman of Haigazian College Trustees in Los Angeles, Dr. John J. Markarian, President of the College and Dr. G. H. Chopourian, Executive Director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, which is the founding organization of the educational institution, visited two departments. These were the Agency of International Development (AID) and American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA). It was both a learning process as well as of acquaint-

where they follow an intensive program of social, educational and religious activities.

We thank God for the fact that these activities continue to be a blessing to our youth in Istanbul, who, through this ministry regain their Armenian identity and Christian faith. *We would like to inform our members and friends, however, that there are close to 29 youth who are not sponsored as yet.* It is our ardent prayer, therefore, that new supporters will come forth to enable us to sustain this ministry. The sponsorship of each youth amounts to \$300 a year. Please pray for this work, its director Hrant Guzelian, and specially for the 29 children who are still waiting to be sponsored.

anceship with persons responsible in decision making. It is hoped to process the proper papers and applications for transmittal to the Departments.

On this occasion, the wives of the representatives had accompanied them, specially to attend the Carter period Art Exhibit and meet Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Mondale.

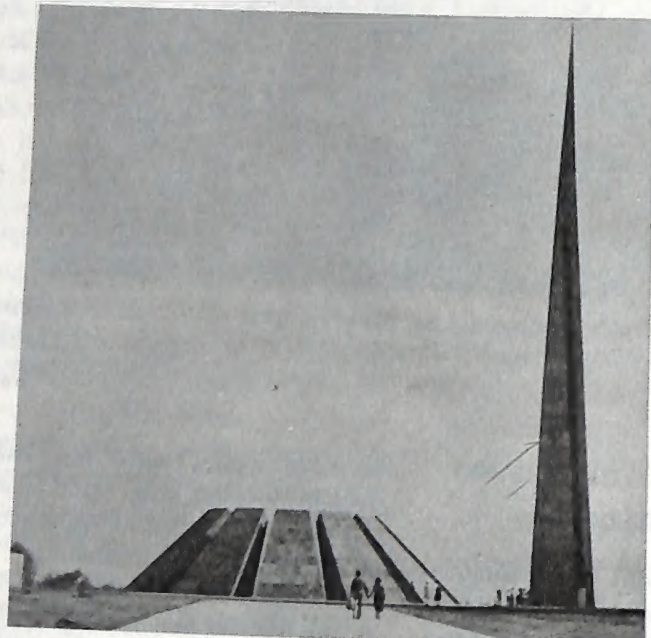
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(Wingate)

long as the snow held out. It was early summer and empty. The word leaked out and the local Turkish officials, at gunpoint, came to search the house. Henry invited them in, taking them first to the attic and working down, room by room. They finally came to a locked door in the cellar, behind which were the thirty Armenians. Henry stated it was only an empty cistern. The Turks insisted he either open it or they would tear it down. Mr. Wingate said, 'Go ahead but I'll shoot the first man who lays a hand on it.' The Turks backed down and left, but in the dead of night, and usually two at a time, they were disguised and smuggled out. They tried to find their way south to the Mediterranean to board a boat to take them to England, France, or the United States. Some made it. Others didn't. But when the Turks came the next day, they were permitted to enter the cellar."

This visit to Harry Wingate opened the gates of great and beautiful recollections and I take this opportunity, joined with the Board of Directors, to say thank you to the late missionaries Henry and Jane Wingate and to the four children for their loving services to us Armenians in the name of Christ.



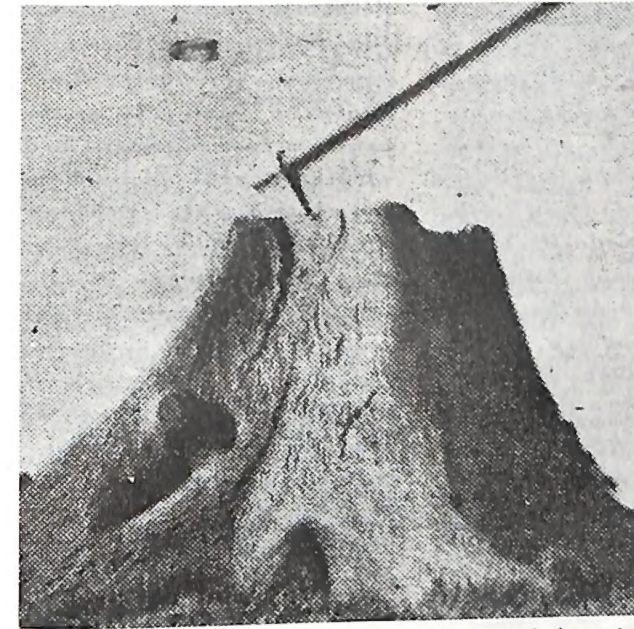
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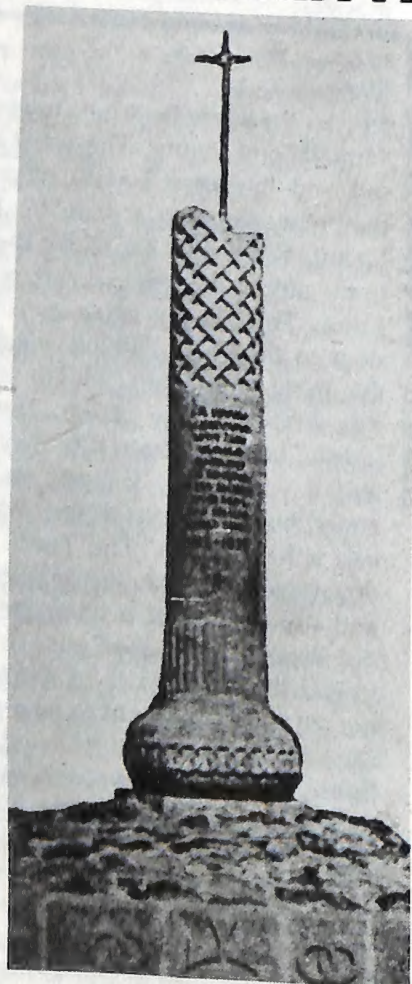


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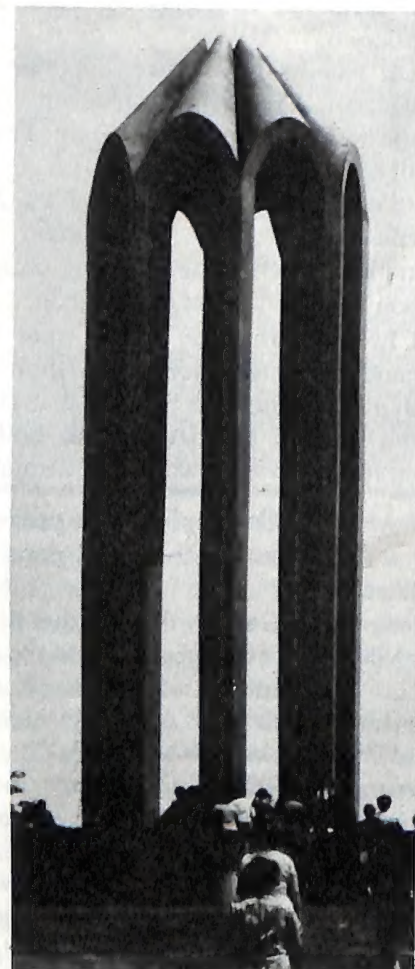


Marseille, France

## MARTYRS' MEMORIAL MONUMENTS



Beirut, Lebanon



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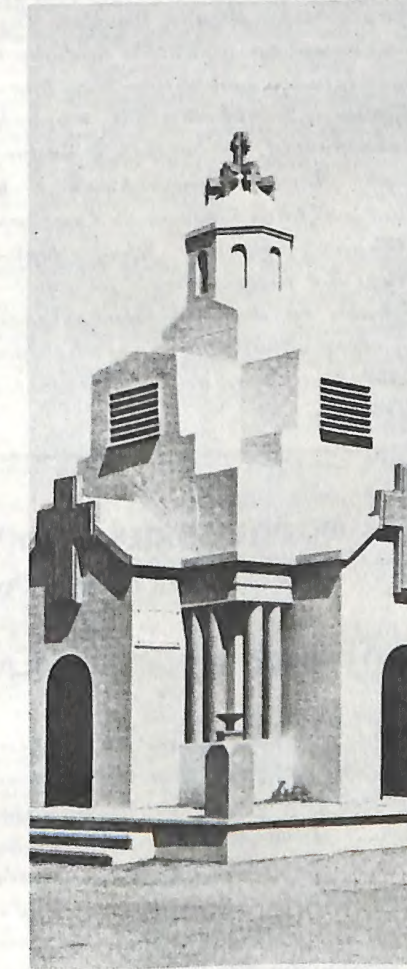


Bikfaya, Lebanon

## MARTYRS' MEMORIAL MONUMENTS



Etchmiadzin, Armenia



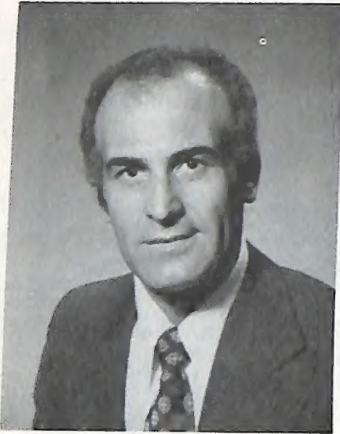
Antelias, Lebanon



Jerusalem

Pictures: Courtesy of the Providence Commemorative Committee and Mr. Zenas Kevorkian





Moses Janbazian

## ՊՈԼՍՈՅ ՄԵՐ ՊԱՏԵՆԱԿԱՆ ՏՈՒՆԸ ՀԱՒԱՏԱՐԱՄՈՐԷՆ ԿԸ ՇԱՐՈՒՆԱԿԷ ԻՐ ԾԱՌԱՅՈՒԹԻՒՆԸ

Փառք կուտանք Աստուծոյ որ Պոլսոյ մեր Պատանեկան Տունը կը շարունակէ իր օրհնաբեր ծառայութիւնը, հակառակ մեծ դժուարութիւններու ու արգելքներու: Ինչպէս սփիւռքահայ մամուլը լայնօրէն կը հաղորդաբերէ, ներկայիս, Թրքական կառավարութիւնը մեծ ճնշում կը բանեցնէ Պոլսոյ Հայկական Կեդրոններուն վրայ եւ յաճախ անտեղի ու անարդարացուցիչ արգելքներ կը դնէ Հայ եկեղեցական, կրթական կամ մշակութային հաստատութիւններու աշխատանքներուն: Ասոր հետեւանքով եւ պետական ներկայ օրէնքներուն ու պահանջներուն գոհացում տալու առաջադրութեամբ, վերջերս, անհրաժեշտ տեսնուած է կարգ մը փոփոխութիւններու ենթարկել Պատանեկան Տան գործունէութիւնները: Այսուհանդերձ, մեր գործիչները հաւատարմութեամբ ու նուիրումով կը շարունակեն իրենց աշխատանքները եւ Պատանեկան Տունը, իր սկզբնական առաքելութեան համեմատ, կը շարունակէ իր օգտաշատ ծառայութիւնը: Այժմ, Տան սաները կը յաճախեն Կէտիկ Փաշայի շրջանին մէջ գտնուող վարժարանները: Դպրոցէն ետք, Տան սերտարանին մէջ, մասնաւոր ուսուցիչներ կ'օգնեն անոնց դասերու պատրաստութեան: Յետմի-

ջօրէի սերտողութենէն ետք, մանուկներն ու պատանիները Տան մէջ կ'ուսնան իրենց ընթերցել, որմէ յետոյ, երեկոյեան կը մեկնին իրենց տուները: Շաբաթավերջերուն, բոլոր սաները կը հետեւին դաստիարակչական յատուկ ծրագրի մը, սորովելով Հայերէն, Ս. Գրային պատմութիւններ, քրիստոնէական հաւատքի հիմնական սկզբունքներ եւ հոգեւոր երգեր ու շարականներ: Իսկ ամառը, իրենց արձակուրդը կ'անցընեն Տուզլայի Արմէն Քէմքը հետեւելով հոգեւոր ու ազգային դաստիարակչական գործունէութիւններու, ինչպէս նաեւ Ֆիզիքական աշխատանքներու: Ներկայիս, շուրջ 75 մանուկներ ու պատանիներ կը հետեւին այս գործունէութիւններուն եւ հոգեւոր ու հայեցի դաստիարակութիւն կը ստանան Տունէն: Սակայն Տան սաներէն 29 պատանիներ դեռ պէտք ունին բարերարներու օգնութեան: Աղօթող ենք որ բարերարներ գտնուին հովանաւորելու այս պատանիներուն ալ կըրթութիւնը: Տարեկան 300 տոլարի կրթանպաստով մը կարելի է հովանաւորել Պոլսոյ Պատանեկան Տան սաներէն մէկուն հայեցի ու հոգեւոր դաստիարակութիւնը: Պիտի խընդրէինք մեր անդամներէն ու բարեկամներէն որ աղօթեն Պատանեկան Տան, անոր առաջնորդներուն եւ մասնաւոր դեռ չ'որդեգրուած 29 սաներուն համար:

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Ուրախ ենք հաղորդելու թէ Թէհրանի եւ Նոր Զուղայի մեր հոգեւոր ու կրթական գործը կը շարունակուի չընորհիւ՝ Աստուծոյ ողորմութեան, տեղւոյն առաջնորդներու նուիրումին եւ Աւետարանչականի անդամներուն ու բարեկամներուն նիւթական օժանդակութեան: Յեղափոխութեան եւ Իրաք-Իրանեան ընթացիկ պատերազմի հետեւանքով ստեղծուած նեղ պայմանները, անշուշտ,

կ'ունենան իրենց բացասական ազդեցութիւնը: Այսուհանդերձ, յեղափոխական իշխանութիւնը, ցարդ, մասնաւոր արգելք չէ դրած եկեղեցական աշխատանքներու եւ կամ մեր հոգեւոր գործին վրայ: Մեր եկեղեցական գործունէութիւնները կը շարունակուին Վեր. Թադէոս Միքայէլեանի առաջնորդութեամբ եւ հոգեւոր նոր արթնութեան մը շնորհիւ՝ շատեր կը փրկուին ու կը միանան եկեղեցիին: Տիկին Արփինէ Մահչիկեան-Աղաբեկեանի սկսած Պատանեկան, Երիտասարդական եւ Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոցի աշխատանքներն ալ երիտասարդ ու նուիրուած առաջնորդներու կողմէ շարունակուելով, շատ մը մանուկներու ու պատանիներու հոգեւոր շինութեան միջոց կ'ըլլան՝ Թէհրանի, ինչպէս նաեւ Նոր Զուղայի մէջ: Անցեալ աշնան, երբ Տիկին Աղաբեկեան, իր ամուսնոյն Աստուածաբանական ուսման յատուկ կարգադրութիւններ ընելու համար Պէյրութ կը գտնուէր, Իրաք-Իրանեան պատերազմը ծագեցաւ: Այս պատճառով, Տիկ. Աղաբեկեան դեռ չէ կրցած Պարսկաստան վերադառնալ: Արդ, Պէյրութի Հայ Աւետ. Գործիչներէն մէկ կը շարունակէ իր ծառայութիւնը, դասաւանդելով Ս. Գրային նիւթեր:

Գոհար Մեսրոպեան վարժարանի պարագան տարբեր է: Ներկայիս, վարժարանը պետական հակակշիռ տակ է: Այսուհանդերձ, անցեալի նման, առանց արգելքի կը շարունակուի Հայերէն լեզուի ու կրօնքի ուսուցումը դպրոցէն ներս:

Վեր. Թ. Միքայէլեան իր վերջին նամակներուն մէջ կը գրէր. «Ներկայ պայմաններուն ու պարագաներուն քերտումով մեր դժուարութիւնները շատ են, այսուհանդերձ հոգեւոր գործի մեր կարելիութիւններն ալ լայն են»: Արդ, յոյսով ենք որ մեր անդամներն ու բարեկամները իրենց աղօթքներով եւ նիւթական օժանդակութեամբ պիտի շարունակեն նեցուկ կանգնիլ Պարսկաստանի մեր եղբայրներուն, որոնք «ճեղքեալ» մեծ փորձին» մէջ իսկ, կը շարունակեն հաւատարմօրէն ծառայել մեր ազգին ու մեր Փրկչին՝ Յիսուս Քրիստոսի:

## ՊՈՒԷՆՈՍ ԱՅՐԷՍԻ ՄԵՐ ՄԱՍՆԱԾԻՒՂԻՆ ԿԵԱՆՔԷՆ

Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան Պուէնոս Այրէսի Մասնաճիւղը, իր պարբերական գործունէութիւններով, կը շարունակէ մեծապէս նպաստել Աւետարանչականի ընդհանուր գործին զարգացման, ինչպէս նաեւ շրջանի հայութեան հոգեւոր ու մշակութային վերելքին: Վերջերս, Հայ Մշակոյթի Ամսուայ եւ Սուրբ Ծնունդի առիթներով, Մասնաճիւղը ունեցաւ երկու հրապարակային գործունէութիւններ, որոնց մասին լայնօրէն անդրադարձաւ տեղւոյն Հայ մամուլը: Հայ Մշակոյթի Ամսուայ նուիրուած հանդիսութիւնը տեղի ունեցաւ Շաբաթ, 18 Հոկտեմբեր 1980-ին, Մասնաճիւղի Կեդրոնատեղիին մէջ, նախագահութեամբ Կաթողիկոսական Պատուիրակ՝ Գերշ. Տ. Դաւիթ Ս. Եպս. Սահակեանի: Հանդիսութեան զեղարուեստական բաժնին իրենց մասնակցութիւնը բերին՝ Օր. Ալիսիա Գարամանեան, Պարոններ Խորիսէ Գարամանեան, եւ Յակոբ Կիւլլիւսեան, ինչպէս նաեւ «Կոմիտաս» երգչախումբը՝ Օր. Մաքրուհի Էօմէսէքեանի ղեկավարութեամբ: Օրուան բանախօսները՝ Հ. Կղեմես Վրդ. Մալեան եւ Պր. Պետրոս Հաճեան, պանծացուցին Հայ ստեղծագործ միտքը ու ընդգծեցին մշակոյթի անփոխարինելի տեղը մեր կեանքին մէջ: Սրբազան Հօր խօսքով ու օրհնութեան աղօթքով փակուեցաւ հանդիսութիւնը, որուն կը մասնակցէր գաղութի բոլոր համայնքներէն ու խաւերէն եկող հոծ բազմութիւն մը:

Ծնունդի յատուկ հանդիսութիւնը տեղի ունեցաւ Շաբաթ, 13 Դեկտ. 1980-ին, Մասնաճիւղի Կեդրոնատեղիին մէջ: Հանդիսութիւնը վարեց Պր. Հայկ Թերզեան ու զեղարուեստական յայտագրին մէջ բաժին վերցուց Հոգեւոր Եղբայրութեան երիտասարդներու «Եռնէս» նուագախումբը: Օրուայ պատգամը բերաւ Հայ Աւետ. Եղբայրութեան Եկեղեցւոյ հոգեւոր հովիւը՝ Վեր. Յովհաննէս Էքիզեան, նիւթ ունենալով «Ծը-

նունդի Հոգեւոր Ծնորհները»: Հանդիսութենէն ետք տեղի ունեցաւ հիւրասիրութիւն, որուն ընթացքին Պր. Իսահակ Շատարեան եւ Մասնաճիւղի Ատենապետ՝ Պր. Լուիզիկ Ճիվէլէկեան խօսեցան Հայկազեան Գոլէճի կատարած ազգօգուտ գործին, ինչպէս նաեւ հաստատութեան 25-ամեակին շուրջ: Նոյն առիթով սրտաբուխ նուիրատուութիւններ եղան Հայկազեան Գոլէճին հետեւալ անձներուն կողմէ.՝ Ռոմիլտա Ճիվէլէկեան, Ժիրայր Թօփալեան, Թագւոր Տէտէյեան, Իսահակ Շատարեան, Ստեփան Դաւիթեան, Մանուէլ Սիւլահեան, Զէմէնեան Ընտանիք, Յովհաննէս Սարգիսեան, Մարիա Հայրապետեան, Վարդուհի Մարգարեան, Արմենուհի Պոյաճեան, Քէօզկէրեան Ընտանիք, Վիքթորիա Դարբինեան, Մարիա Գալսկեան, Նուրիճա Չարըզեան, Իմիրզեան Ընտանիք, Թովմաս Տիարեան, Մարտիրոս Մարտիրոսեան, Տօթթ. Բիւզանդ Չարզեան, Պէթահեան Եղբարք, Սարգիս Իւլլիւսեան, Կարապետ Չարզեան, Պէնոն Ավանդեան, Եսթեր Թուսեան, Մարիա Գոչեան, Տօթթ. Գարլոս Մանուկեան, եւ Խաչեր Խաչերեան:

Այս սրտաբուխ նուէրներէն գոյացաւ 5000 տոլար որ արդէն փոխանցուած է Հայկազեան Գոլէճի 25-ամեակի Հիմնադրամին, որուն ընդհանուր գումարը այժմ կը հասնի շուրջ կէս միլիոն տոլարի:

Աղօթող ենք որ Աստուած առաւել եւս օրհնէ Պուէնոս Այրէսի, ինչպէս նաեւ այլ շրջաններու մեր մասնաճիւղերուն գործունէութիւնները՝ մեր ազգի հոգեւոր շինութեան ու մեր Տիրոջ փառքին համար:

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minate in people's lives and rejoiced, "It is working in nature; it will also work in human lives. I have not failed." He concluded that the only way God's love would be demonstrated would be by the ultimate sacrifice of Himself, when the height and depth of the love of His Heavenly Father would be manifested. Seeds could live forever without bearing any fruits, but seeds that underwent the natural process of death in the soil would produce abundant fruits. And it was this belief that made Christianity the

important faith that the greater portion of the world has accepted. Christ's resurrection assured faith in the goodness of God who would redeem those trusting in Him.

The practical application of Easter is in the germination of faith in the hearts of God's creatures. Genuine faith in eternal life enables believers to die unto sin and when that is done, the fruits of forgiveness, love, concern and service become evident in their lives. In the words of Nicholas Berdyaev: "There is no longer any room in the world for a merely external form of Christianity based upon custom. . . The world is entering upon a period of catastrophe and crisis when we are being forced to take sides and in which a higher and more intense kind of spiritual life will be demanded from Christians."

The challenge of the resurrection to us is to produce a harvest of Easter Fruits.

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(Murray) years its programs have spread far beyond the traditional DVBS. In Taiwan, it assists in the publication of tens of thousands of copies of Christian education materials that are used throughout southeast Asia. Its representative in Egypt has recruited and trained more than 700 student teachers who work with over 16,000 children each year in hundreds of small towns and villages with no Christian Churches. In Italy, VBS, Inc. helps to support a Christian orphanage. In France, it aids a minister who operates Bible Clubs in thirteen industrial cities to shelter and train young people from laboring families whose only playgrounds are the streets of slum areas. From Bolivia to Cyprus, from Sarawak to Zaire the legacy of Dr. Boville's vision lives on through "seed money" provided by VBS, Inc. and the efforts of thousands of dedicated Christian leaders and lay volunteers working together in His name.

A happy and blessed eightieth anniversary, Mr. President, and many thanks on behalf of the Board of Directors of the AMAA and myself for generousities extended to our colleagues in their christian ministry to youth.



# RIVIVING THE MEMORIES OF DEPARTED LEADERS

(A PROFILE OF THE LATE A. A. GOERGIZIAN)

June 1887 - March 1977

While preparing the April issue of the AMAA NEWS in March, our thoughts turned to March of 1977 when the Armenian Evangelical Movement lost one of its prominent, distinguished and valiant leaders. We are also reminded of the dignified and august funeral service held at the Beneficent Congregational Church of Providence conducted by Dr. G. H. Chopourian with the participation of twelve ministers and laymen representing the two Armenian Apostolic Churches and the one Armenian Evangelical Congregational Church of Providence, four Churches of the Armenian Evangelical Union and the United Church of Christ. The messages and testimonies at the service and again at the memorial meal held at the Armenian Evangelical Church of Providence lifted up the grandeur and greatness of the Reverend Goergizian's services to our people as pastor, author and patriot.

## A WELL-PREPARED AND VALIANT PASTOR

The Reverend Arsen Aghajan Goergizian, son of the Reverend Aghajan and Haiganoush (Krikorian) Goergizian of Van was born in Van, Armenia, attended Anatolia College in Marsovan from which he obtained the B.A. degree, studied in Alliance Bible College in Berlin, Germany (1910-1912), Princeton Theological Seminary (1923-1927) and Union Theological Seminary (1926-1934) obtaining the B.D. and M. Div. degrees from the latter.

He was thus fully prepared for an effective christian ministry. But this preparation was strengthened more as a result of his ministry in different areas of the world. He was ordained in Tabriz, Iran by the West Persia Presbyterian Mission in 1923 but he had before that preached in Van in the Armenian Evangelical Church in Van (1912-1915) and was assistant pastor in Bakow, Caucasus from 1916 to 1917, followed by two years of ministry in Tabriz from where he fled to Mesopotamia during the War and returned to Tabriz to continue his pastorate for 3 more years to the end of 1923.

Other important experiences he had helped him in his ministry further. He represented the Armenian refugees in Mesopotamia from 1918 to 1919 and was made sub-district Commander of the Near East Relief in Erevan from 1919-1920, and representative of the Lord Mayor's Fund of London.

His first pastorate in the United States was that of the Armenian Presbyterian Church of West New York in New Jersey and the Paterson Mission of the Church. During his ministry between 1924 and 1935, the West New York Church building at 50th and Hudson was built as a result of his hard work and astute leadership.

Between 1936 and 1937 he ministered to the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Fresno followed by his pastorate of the Armenian Congregational Church of Fowler from 1937 to 1942, the Ararat Armenian Congregational Church of Salem, New Hampshire from 1942-53, Haverhill Armenian Congregational Church, 1953, and the Armenian Evangelical Congregational Church of Providence from 1954-1965. During his ministry, the Reverend Goergizian helped the congregations to discontinue receiving aid from

the Congregational Conference, thus making them to stand on their feet, and during his last ministry he launched a fund raising drive to raise \$150,000 to move the Providence congregation to its present edifice which sits like a jewel in the downtown business district area which has become a lively center. This was his longest ministry and the first to serve the longest period in this church.

## A LUCID AND LITERARY AUTHOR

Reverend Goergizian's articles appeared regularly in the U.S. Armenian newspapers. He produced inspiring material for the Union of the Churches in article and booklet form. He edited church bulletins, Union bulletins, as well as magazines. His scholarly articles were appreciated by the public immensely.

His permanent literary contributions, however, were presented in three books, viz. *The Heroic Battle of Vaspourakan* (1965); *Freedom Fighters of Vaspourakan* (1967); and *The Paulician-Thondraki Movement in the Armenian Apostolic Church* (1970).

## AN ARMENIAN PATRIOT

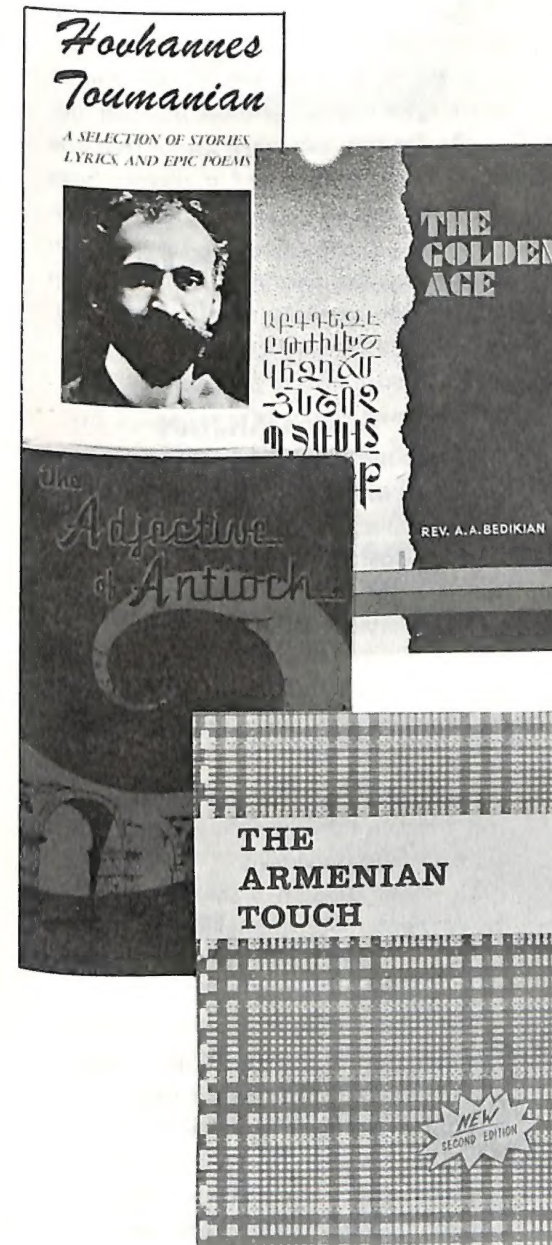
The Reverend Goergizian was, in the words of his gracious wife, the former Annie Boyajian, "Askaser." He was one of those few christian pastors who had reconciled well in his mind and heart Armenian party politics with his christian ideals. He thought much about the predicament of his nation, shed bitter tears over the cruelties practiced upon his people and determined to work for the betterment and advancement of his Armenian people and the Armenian nation. For him, the Fatherland, under any condition, was a cherished ideal.

He served his nation through the Armenian Evangelical Movement. He served as Secretary and Moderator both of the Armenian Evangelical Union of the East Coast and the Armenian Evangelical Union of California; was member of the Executive Committee of the Union for 11 years; was Youth Leader of the New England Union and Young People's Christian Endeavor Society for five years during which period he organized a youth choir which performed from Handel's "Messiah." He also did valuable work for the Armenian Missionary Association of America, the social action and mission outreach of the Armenian Evangelical Churches. During Rev. A.A. Bedikian's absence in France Rev. Goergizian supervised the work of the AMAA for one year; he was also recording secretary of the Board and many times member of the Board of Directors.

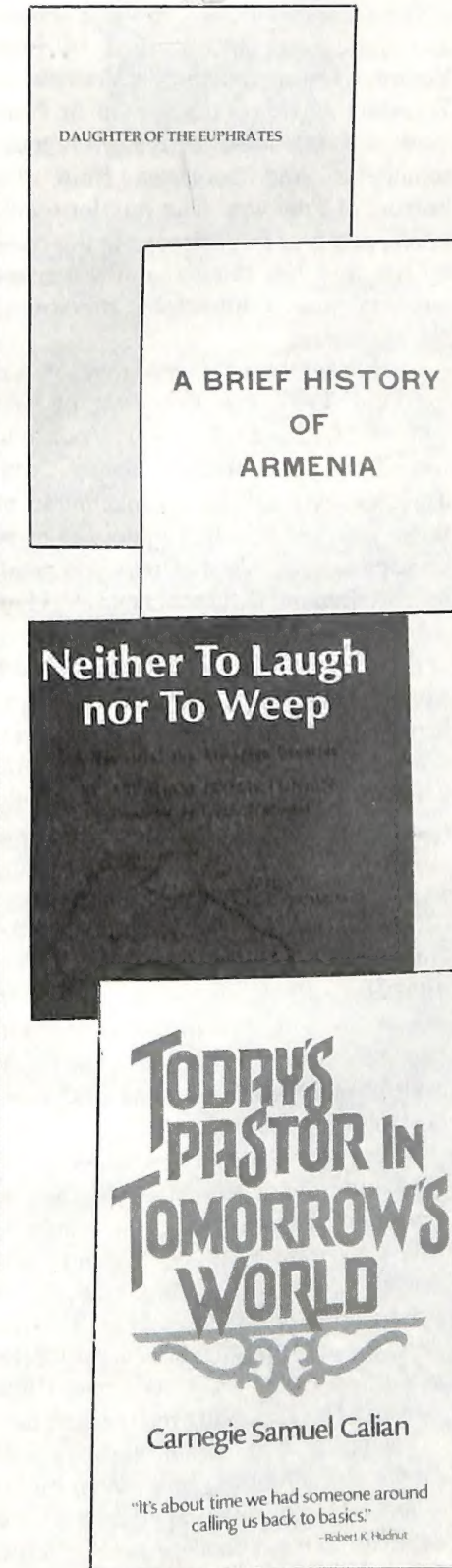
Besides serving his nation through party, Church and Mission, he gave of his time and energy as well as substance to the Armenian General Benevolent Union (as so many of our Protestant people do), the Knights of Vartan whose essence of existence is to retain Armenian heritage, and the Armenian Democratic Party.

His service covers no less than fifty years generously rendered throughout the Middle East, Armenia and the United States. It is most appropriate that we render this tribute to him on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of his departure from our midst.

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# OBITUARIES



Olympia Yeranian

## OLYMPIA YERANIAN

Olympia Yeranian, eldest of seven daughters born to the late Reverend Hagop and Mrs. Marica Yeranian, died on May 19, 1980 and memorial services were held at the Central Congregational Church in Newtonville, Mass. on May 22, 1980 officiated by the Reverends Boyd Johnson, Jr. and Vartan Hartunian.

A long personal tribute to Olympia by Alice Odian Kasparian appeared in the Armenian Mirror-Spectator, but Olympia's life and achievements must be presented to our own readers too.

Miss Yeranian's illustrious life began in Tarsus, Turkey, where she was born during the period her father ministered there. Later Rev. Yeranian became the minister of the Armenian Congregational Church in Afion Kara Hisar for twenty-five years (1890-1915). When he arrived at the city of 40,000 at the invitation of the Mission Station he discovered that the membership was composed of two protestants. But, undaunted, he labored with courage, patience and resourcefulness and by the end of his ministry he had built a sanctuary and a membership of 100 as well as a school with an attendance of 200 elementary pupils who received a solid christian education.

Olympia came to the United States in 1914 from Smyrna where she had obtained her pre-college education as well as a normal-certificate at the American Collegiate Institute, one of the educational institutions of the American Board, where she also taught for several years. Continuing her education in the United States she (1) earned a Bachelor

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of Pedagogy Degree (B.Ped.) from Hartford Seminary's School of Religious Education; (2) took courses in the social sciences at Radcliffe College; (3) studied psychology and psychiatry at Boston University; and (4) won a Master's Degree in Social Work (M.S.W.) in 1932 from Smith College School of Social Work. While working in New York, she furthered her specialized training through additional courses in casework and related subjects at the New York School of Social Work. In addition to being a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the Academy of Certified Social Workers, she was a member of organizations such as the AMAA, AGBU, NAASR and supporting member of the Armenian Assembly. Following her degree work at Hartford and sometime between 1917 and 1920 Miss Yeranian went to Fresno, attended Fresno Business College from 1920-1921 and served as a secretary to a business concern in the town from 1921-1924. She did move East, but the warmth and friendship with which she was received and accepted, was never been forgotten by her.

Miss Yeranian, whose working career spanned a period of 44 years, held many important and responsible positions, a very important one being her work with the International Institute as Nationality Secretary with the accompanying social work. Mrs. Kasparian, enumerating the problems Olympia met in those early years, states:

*"Problems of immigration, naturalization, medical assistance, educational and legal needs, financial aid, and many domestic troubles. She interpreted for clients, organized mothers' groups, teen-age clubs, taught English, planned international exhibits and social gatherings. . . . proved equal to the task with resourcefulness and initiative, and won the affection and respect of her colleagues and the Armenian community."*

In addition to her pioneer position in Boston's International Institute Olympia made a great impact during her 22 years (1935-1957) with the Travelers Aid Society of New York. She was supervisor of its Port Department (1935-1957); during the war years she supervised the Association's headquar-

ters and guest house, which served as temporary quarters for stranded travelers. Many British children evacuated from England and Scotland during Nazi bombings were housed there. Ships had to be met at all hours, day and night, with no advance notice, as these schedules were kept secret. One of Miss Yeranian's most moving experiences at Travelers Aid was the arrival in New York of the first ship carrying refugees, repatriates and survivors from the horrors of total war. The reunions with family and friends witnessed at the piers by her and her regular and volunteer workers were unforgettable memories, she confessed.

On her retirement from Travelers Aid in June 1957 the President of TA, William H. Gambrell wrote: "Your long record of outstanding service with Travelers Aid will be an inspiration to those who will now be required to carry on without you. We shall miss you greatly." TA General Director David W. Haynes held a special party in his home.

Even after retirement, she served! She held a rewarding post for four years with the Riverdale Children's Association in New York City (1958-1962) where she worked all phases of the placement of children in foster homes, evaluating foster homes, supervising and handling applications of prospective foster parents and reporting to the courts. Then, for four months (Oct. 1963-Jan. 1964) she worked as interviewer for a "Community Health Survey" conducted by the School of Public and Administrative Medicine of Columbia University.

After retiring from a very active working career, Miss Yeranian returned to Boston in 1966 to join her four surviving sisters: Margaret, Rosa, Ruhama and Thelma, all highly cultured, educated in American Mission Schools in Turkish-Armenia and here, gracious and dedicated christian ladies. Two sisters, Christine and Hariklia, had predeceased her.

Olympia's long, useful, service-oriented life was a fulfilling one. "With her intellectual and spiritual qualities, her capacity to meet challenges, her youthful outlook, her capacity to meet challenges - both professional and personal - and her generosity in giving of herself and her substance to many Armenian and non-Armenian causes, she expressed the ideals of a Christian, church-

centered home and early training in a mission school in Smyrna. But, specially her positive influence whereby she gave more than she received must be lifted up. This is best demonstrated by the words of Mrs. Louis (Beatrice Ananikian) Sommers:

*"My earliest memories of Olympia are of a bright, loving, fascinating 'auntie' who came to our home full of interesting stories of her work and her life. . . . As for me, you well know that she was an inspiration and a model from whom I drew my blueprint for a professional life. . . . She had such a deep impact on my life. I cannot think of her as departed because so much of my contact with her lives on in my memory."*

#### ROBERT KOUNDAKJIAN

Mr. Robert Koundakjian, President of Eastern Lahmajune Company and a popular member of the Community of Greater Boston, died suddenly on January 20, 1981, at the young age of 53. Funeral services were from the Armenian Memorial Church of Watertown, Massachusetts, on January 23rd with the Reverend Vincent J. Kumjian officiating.

Dr. Jake Baboian gave the eulogy and Miss June Baboian sung favorite hymns of the deceased.

Mr. Koundakjian was a member of the Armenian Memorial Church and belonged to the Knights of Vartan and the Order of Masons.

The Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America extend their profound sympathies to the surviving kin: Ada, his wife; Karen and David, his children; Mrs. Mary Koundakjian, his mother; and Richard, his brother.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be assigned to the Armenian Memorial Church or the Armenian Nursing Home in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

#### BEATRICE ARISSIAN

Mrs. Beatrice Arissian of Los Angeles, California, passed away on January 6, 1981. Beatrice was the daughter of Rev. Aharon and Lucia Shirajian and was born in Marash, Turkey, on February 7, 1897.

In 1915 Rev. Shirajian, with his family, went to Aleppo, Syria, and under very



Beatrice Arissian

difficult circumstances organized an orphanage for hundreds of orphans who were deported from various parts of Turkey, thus rescuing them from certain death. Several years later, knowing that education was a vital part of one's life, he sent Beatrice to Jerusalem to acquire an education. She was enrolled in the British High School and Training College under the leadership of Miss Warberton, Principal, and in 1921 graduated with high grades and the Qualification for a Teaching Diploma.

After teaching in Grammar School in Jerusalem a number of years, Beatrice came to Boston, Massachusetts in 1924 and married Mr. Karekin Arissian, a pharmacist. In 1928, they moved to Los Angeles, Calif. and made this their permanent residence. They did not have any children and after Mr. Arissian passed away in 1957, Beatrice carried on by herself, becoming active in church affairs and other projects.

Mrs. Arissian was very much interested in the work of the AMAA and over the years had contributed to this cause. She had also earmarked a fund to the AMAA to be used for a Memorial to Karekin Arissian and Rev. Aharon Shirajian.

She is survived by a brother, Dr. Eliazar Shirajian of Beirut, Lebanon, and three sisters, Mrs. Berjouhi Kalayan and Mrs. Helen Djanian, of Beirut, Lebanon, Mrs. Milia Topalian of Pasadena, Calif. and many nieces and nephews.

#### YEGHSAPET JANJIGIAN

Yeghsapet Janjigian passed away on Tuesday, February 10, 1981 in her home in Beirut, Lebanon. The Funeral services which were officiated by a number of Armenian Evangelical ministers including the Rev. Hovhannes Karjian, Moderator of the UAEC-NE, were held



Yeghsapet Janjigian

on February 11, at the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Beirut.

Mrs. Janjigian, nee Mirakian, was born in Aleppo, Syria in 1889 and was a graduate of Haigazian Jr. High School of Aleppo. She was married to Shemavon Janjigian in 1908 and their family was blessed with one son and three daughters.

Mrs. Janjigian was an active member of the Emmanuel Armenian Evangelical Church of Aleppo where she served as a deaconess for many years. After her family moved to Lebanon she joined the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Beirut where she actively engaged in the life and work of the Ladies' Society.

Highlighting her genuine christian character and spiritual qualities in a eulogy the Rev. Hagop Sagherian said of her: "She was a genuine christian who knew how to practice her faith in and outside her home; she loved the church she belonged to and she was keenly interested in the life and work of her congregation. She was genuinely concerned with the progress of the church and always brought her share to the expansion of the Kingdom of God; the expansion of the Kingdom of God; furthermore, Yeghsapet 'Mairig', as she was dearly called in the church, was a conscientious mother who did her utmost to bring up her children in the church and in the knowledge of the word of God. She was not only a good example for her children but also an inspiration to her grandchildren and friends. These qualities had made her a much loved and respected person by all who had come to know her who will certainly cherish her memory for many years to come.

Mrs. Janjigian, who is the mother of our treasurer, Mr. Edward Janjigian, is survived by son Edward and three daughters: Mrs. Victoria Mouradian of Lebanon; Mrs. Vergine Badeer of Pres-

no; Mrs. Angel Hovsepian of Malden Massachusetts and six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The scriptures say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for they rest from their labors and their deeds follow them." We are assured that Mrs. Janjigian is blessed in the eternal presence of her beloved Lord. We pray that God also bless her memory, and make it a source of comfort and inspiration for her son, daughters, grandchildren and friends.

**The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.**

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